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'Too close for comfort'

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'I was born when she kissed me'

Humphrey Bogart and Gloria Grahame star in the 1950 classic "In a Lonely Place." Show starts at 9:20 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre and tickets cost \$9.

Today in history

In 1923

The Hollywood Sign is officially dedicated in the hills of Los Angeles, but originally read "Hollywoodland."

Campus watch

Long way home

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A non-UT subject was stopped for speeding and running stop signs while driving a silver colored 2007 Ford F-350 pickup truck. The subject's pants showed proof that alcohol is rented, not owned. The subject said he was headed to Round Rock and pointed southbound. Austin being south of Round Rock would mean the subject's intended path would have him travel roughly 24,901.55 miles around the Earth to make it to his destination. The subject was found to be under the influence of an alcoholic substance to the point he was deemed to have been driving while intoxicated. Occurred Sunday at 2:00 a.m.



Quote to note

"I knew this place from when I was a kid. Seeing it close is kind of like watching your childhood home get demolished, and there's nothing you can do about it."

— **Mariana Guerrero**
Jaime's Spanish Village patron

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ONE FISH, TWO FISH



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Proudly carrying their catch of the day, three young boys follow their mother down the beach. Sayulitans use homemade fishing rods made from Coca-Cola bottles as an inexpensive and efficient way to catch fish right off the shoreline.

INSIDE: Learn more about the city of Sayulita, Mexico [on page 3](#)

Department sees shift in leadership

Spanish, Portuguese chair to oversee major changes in languages' curriculum

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

Jill Robbins, former associate chair for graduate study in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, has replaced Nicolas Shumway as department chair this month.

Robbins is currently an associate professor of Spanish literature and culture. Her experience includes being the former associate dean at the University of California, Irvine for three years, and the associate chair for graduate study in UT's Spanish and Portuguese department for two years. As

associate chair, she proposed changes to the graduate program and worked to create opportunities for the students to develop and enhance professional skills.

"I have served on numerous committees in the department, and this work has given me insight into the workings of the University and the challenges that we will face in the coming years," she said.

Her predecessor, Shumway, was a professor at the University since 1993 and the chair of the department since 2006. After almost four years in the position, Shumway left UT for a position at Rice University, where he now serves as the dean of humanities.

"I didn't leave Texas. I

came to Rice," Shumway said. "I [spent] 16 years at UT. I'm fond of UT, I have many fond memories, but once in a while you want to do something else, and this is a great opportunity."

Robbins is taking the position amidst a flurry of departmental and curricular changes. College of Liberal Arts spokesman Gary Susswein said that as a result of budget cuts, there was a college-wide proposal to make changes to language requirements. After Dean Randy Diehl addressed the concerns raised by graduate students and faculty members, each language department was tasked to come up with its own way to adapt its curriculum to facilitate bud-

get cuts, he said.

Delia Montesinos, who has assisted in creating the curriculum for the new program, said that it should give students more opportunities to interact with professors.

"[The new curriculum] will be very good because these courses generally have a lot of material to be covered," Montesinos said. "We never had sufficient time in the three-hour



Jill Robbins
Spanish and Portuguese department head

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UT alumnus has trouble overcoming student debt

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Pedro de la Torre III's rising levels of student-loan debt didn't seem real until the end of his college career, when he had to pay for it.

De la Torre III, a UT alumnus who graduated in 2005, took out close to \$30,000 in student loans during his time at the 40 Acres — and he's about to take out more to attend a graduate program at The New School in New York City starting in August.

De la Torre, 27, said he wanted to become a professor of anthropology, but until his acceptance of admission to a master's degree program this year, his student-loan debt leftover from earning his undergraduate sociology degree delayed his decision to go for it.

"I didn't think I was getting into that much debt. It didn't really dawn on me, how much I was taking out," de la Torre said. "When I was going to school, I never paid that close of attention to the bottom line of what I was borrowing."

He said he's been making payments for the past five years but that it hasn't made a huge dent in his student-loan debt — his payments have yet to cut it in half.

"I have a long way to go," he said. "It's not something I can get rid of by declaring bankruptcy, so I'll definitely have to pay it off — but it will take quite a while."

There are many unforgiving consequences for defaulting on a student loan, according to *Finaid.org*, an award-winning website on financial aid. Some of these consequences include the federal government's partially collecting wages, withholding Social Security benefits and withholding more financial aid. The default doesn't disappear from a person's credit history for seven years, making it harder to find a job.

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Senate committee considers drunken driving law changes

By David Colby
Daily Texan Staff

Major changes are possible in the way that Texas deals with drunken drivers when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

The Texas Senate Committee on Criminal Justice assembled Thursday to discuss problems with current drunken driving laws and potential reforms to reduce alcohol-related fatalities in Texas. Texas leads the nation in drunken driving-related fatalities, with 1,269 alcohol-related fatalities in 2008, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Recommendations by expert witnesses at the committee hearing focused on education and treatment for drunken driving offenders, along with prevention and deterrence to

keep intoxicated individuals from getting behind the wheel.

"I think that treatment is critical," Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said at the hearing. "Alcoholism is a disease that we have to treat."

Current laws were criticized, especially the lack of mandatory treatment programs and intervention for first-time and repeat offenders.

"Right now in the state of Texas, our intervention is to wait until they get arrested for the third or fourth time and throw them in prison, and that's too late," Acevedo said.

Texas laws were also faulted for allowing repeat offenders to avoid serving time in

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Drunken driving laws came under scrutiny recently at a Senate Committee on Criminal Justice meeting where experts recommended education and treatment for offenders.

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CHAIR: Shumway says department ‘in good hands’

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course to do it as thoroughly as we wanted for students.”

Robbins said she is ready to handle the changes that will come as she takes the position.

“It is clear that we will continue to face budget pressures and that these will continue to impact our programs,” Robbins said. “The request [to lower expenditures] is not frivolous or arbitrary, and we cannot ignore it. But I see it as an opportunity as well [as] an instigation to rethink our program.”

Robbins said that in taking the new position, she is most excited to work with the faculty of the department.

“We have managed to appoint and retain over the past several years an impressive faculty who publish cutting-edge research in their fields. They are the heart of the program,” she said.

As Shumway begins his tenure as dean at Rice, he expressed confidence in the success that the department will see under Robbins’ guidance.

“The Spanish and Portuguese department is in good shape, and in good hands,” he said. “Jill’s a good friend. I was the chair when she was hired, [and] I always considered her one of our trophy hires. She’ll be great.”

DEBT: Number of student loans increasing

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De la Torre said he has consistently made his monthly payments, but the debt still won’t go away for a very long time.

He is not alone. Across the country, 67 percent of all college students graduated with an average of \$23,200 in student-loan debt in 2008. The number of students borrowing more than \$40,000 for their undergraduate education is continuing to rise, according to the Project on Student Debt, an initiative of the Institute for College Access and Success. This year at UT, half the students who graduated in May left with an average of \$24,488 in student-loan debt.

Jackie Dana, an academic adviser in the Department of Sociology, said the amount of de la Torre’s student loans would have been the same in any department.

De la Torre said he’s worried about paying off his debts in the future, but there are people far

less fortunate than him, he said. For five years, he has worked at the Campus Progress Network, a project of the Center for American Progress, all the while making monthly payments on his debt. He said he was lucky to

working on the student-based watchdog group UT Watch — to the real world.

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— Sara Haile-Mariam, Campus Progress Network spokeswoman

get a job; he graduated in May of 2005 and was hired in November of that year. He said the job allowed him to transfer the activism and the public spirit of his college years — marching against tuition deregulation,

pact national issues that will ultimately affect our lives,” said Sara Haile-Mariam, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit organization.

Haile-Mariam said the organization works on issues such as immigration reform, energy re-

form and education reform.

De la Torre is an advocacy senior associate at the organization, where he currently works on advocacy of the DREAM Act, a federal bill that proposes a six-year conditional path to citizenship for undocumented youths who qualify for the program.

For the past five years, however, his plan has always been to go to graduate school. He said he wants to study how culture affects people’s vision of the world and how that happens, especially in terms of how immigration affects various communities in the U.S., he said.

“Hopefully after two years of a master’s program, I’ll start a Ph.D. program and graduate in six years instead of two,” he said.

De la Torre won’t have to pay a dollar of outstanding debt for his first two years at New York — he’ll pay for tuition with a 50-percent tuition discount, a steady wage and student loans — and the debt will be waiting for him when he graduates.

LAW: Programs, E-Bus contribute to decline in arrests

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prison until their third or fourth arrest for drunken driving.

“That’s part of the intervention — give them a taste of jail life,” Acevedo said, advocating that offenders arrested for DWI

for a second time be given a small amount of jail time, showing them the risk they are taking by driving drunk. “We are waiting way too long to intervene.”

Sobriety checkpoints, which are temporary roadblocks set up to help police catch drunk drivers, were the most controversial measures endorsed at the hearing.

“At Dallas County DWI Task Force, this is our No. 1 and only issue,” Dallas County Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield said. “There is a plethora of studies to indicate their usefulness and their success in reducing alcohol-related fatalities by about 20 percent across the board.”

Critics of sobriety checkpoints argue that the roadblocks are an unnecessary violation of constitutional rights.

“How about the vast majority of my constituents that do not violate a DWI law, you want me to subject them to con-

tact with law enforcement?” Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, asked Mayfield.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, spoke out against sobriety checkpoints as well, saying he preferred the focus of reforms to be on treatment programs.

“The treatment issue is a very valid issue,” Ellis said. “If sobriety checkpoints are not tied to treatment, the answer is no.”

While lawmakers and experts discuss ways to decrease the number of alcohol-related fatalities across the state, the UT Police Department is focused on educating students about the dangers of driving under the influence. UTPD is also implementing programs designed to encourage students to make safe choices before they go out for the night.

“What we do in the crime prevention office is encourage stopping the problem ahead of time,” said William Pieper, UTPD crime prevention specialist.

Rather than focusing on prevention techniques that catch people who have already made the choice to drive drunk, UTPD attempts to educate students ahead of time to make the decision not to drink and drive, Pieper said.

UTPD offers two voluntary educational programs designed to educate participants about the dangers of drunken driving. These programs use goggles designed to simulate intoxication, allowing participants to see firsthand the effect alcohol can have on their nervous system.

Drunken driving arrests by UTPD have been in decline for the past three years, a fact Pieper attributed to better officer training, improved educational efforts and an increased use of the E-Bus, the late-night shuttle that provides direct transportation to and from downtown Austin to University students in West Campus and along Riverside Drive.

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SAYULITA, Mexico — According to a local resident, less than 100 years ago, Sayulita was but a dot on the map with about 40 thatched-roof dwellings, or “palapas,” to its name. Today, Sayulita, a village located 45 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta in the Mexican state of Nayarit is the quintessential beachside tourist town.

Between October and May during the high season, Sayulita attracts visitors from as far away as Japan, and its beaches and narrow streets become jam-packed by the hundreds. During the low season, however, Sayulita is the perfect spot for college students on a budget hoping to recharge beneath the summer sun.

Situated along the blue waters of the Pacific coastline, Sayulita offers a gentle beach break for beginning and seasoned surfers, quaint cafes, authentic restaurants, fresh fruit stands, charming boutiques with handmade trinkets and clothing, boat tours and a plaza that comes to life as the sun sets behind the distant mountains.

In Sayulita, one can easily spend the day wandering back and forth from the beach to the cobblestone streets lined with vendors selling sizzling, made-to-order “churros,” or deep-fried, cinnamon-covered pastries; tacos served on a warm, homemade tortilla doused in

fresh salsas; surf shops with boards for rent or sale; and “minimercados” — little stores that sell tequila and cold beers for one-third of the prices in the United States.

For about \$40 per person, a four- to five-hour boat tour of nearby islands and other surf spots provides a welcoming break from sunbathing and window shopping, taking travelers to snorkel in the crystal-line, turquoise waters of secret beaches and underwater caves, to fish and to dolphin-watch on the way to nearby islands.

Back in town, the nightlife consists of refreshing two-for-one margaritas made with fresh-squeezed lime juice and women selling slices of homemade flan and tres leches at open-air restaurants with live music that spills out onto the streets and the beating heart of Sayulita, the plaza. Within the plaza, visitors mingle with the locals while enjoying the sights and sounds of giggling children, carousing teenagers and young musicians strumming their guitars.

One of the highlights of visiting this lively oceanside town is feeling welcomed by the smiling Sayulitans who are happy to share their stories, laughter, music or game of cards with visiting beachgoers. In fact, without its small-town charm and the atmosphere of “southern hospitality” to which Texans are well-accustomed, Sayulita would be just another Cancún on Mexico’s tourist trail.



Jesus Mendez of Nayarit, Mexico, sells plastic toys to children upon leaving Sunday mass. Walking along the Sayulitan streets and beaches, visitors and residents are often approached by people selling jewelry, tamales, purses and other goods.



Emiliano Hernandez Cruz and Bertha Vega Vasquez travel by car every morning from Puerto Vallarta to sell hand-woven baskets to people visiting Sayulita. Each basket takes nearly two hours to complete and costs around \$8.



As the sun sets on Sayulita, vendors set up food stalls where they prepare authentic Mexican food over hot grills. For a low cost, passers-by can purchase homemade desserts, steaming hot tacos, fruit bars or hamburgers.

Children throw sardines into the sky to swooping Magnificent Frigatebirds, which are also called “thieves” by locals because of their reputation for stealing food from other birds.



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VIEWPOINT

College is not a country club

The lives of students at George Washington University just got a little more difficult. In a belt-tightening move that conjures images from “The Grapes of Wrath,” GWU administrators lowered their heads and, with newsie caps clutched tightly to their chests, humbly and tearfully announced that one of the nation’s most expensive universities would no longer provide in-room dormitory maid service. While this amenity might have seemed extreme to some when it was offered, this utterly nonacademic extravagance is indicative of a nationwide trend of colleges devoting tremendous resources to student comfort.

Last week, The Delta Project, a nonprofit that analyzes higher-education economics, published a study about financial trends in higher education over the past decade. One of the most-discussed findings is a significant rise in funding for student services, which are “noninstructional, student-related activities” such as admissions, registrars, student organizations and intramural athletics. The increase in funds for student services grew nearly twice as much as the increase in the funds for instruction.

The cause of the discrepancy may seem apparent — more students are going to college, so schools need more money to hire people to handle the logistics.

But there is another underlying reason that funding for student services at state schools has increased so dramatically compared to instruction: Public universities increasingly rely on tuition for a bulk of their funding, and quality student services are key to attracting tuition-paying students.

After the 2001 recession, government allocations for higher education dropped to all-time lows, so public universities needed to look elsewhere for funding.

Because tuition is a stable and reliable flow of funds, budgeting around tuition became an attractive option.

A student’s education at a public university is funded by both government subsidies and yearly tuition. Since 2003, in Texas, the percentage of a student’s education funded by tuition has risen about 3 percent.

Over the years, tuition continued to become more of a factor in a student’s education, and many students began treating a college education like a product — and college administrators started marketing it as such.

Instead of adhering to the mission of public universities to educate the citizenry and maintain the republic, it became a traditional exchange of goods and services.

Because the benefits of college are intangible and often do not reveal themselves until much later in life, colleges started advertising the lifestyle experience, which is immediately tangible — unlike the education.

With student quality of life a primary selling point, colleges began catering to students’ comfort and tried to make them as happy as possible. A well-funded student services program helps lure in potential students.

This led to what Ohio University professor Richard Vedder refers to as the “country-clubization of the American university,” according to The New York Times. Vedder says the services increase occurred because schools prioritized recruitment by stressing amenities, such as student unions and recreational centers, instead of the actual educational quality.

This is apparent in college advertising, where schools tend to market themselves like a cruise vacation. A typical college brochure has pictures of young, attractive coeds, which are supplemented with literature lauding “student life” and the college experience. UT campus tours always stop at recreational spots such as Gregory Gym and the Union, two of the campus’ most attractive student centers. Shutting hordes of prospective students to recreational centers emphasizes the University’s brand.

The problem comes when schools need to deliver on their promises of fun and enriching student life — and that comes with a price tag: a 20-percent average increase in spending for student services nationwide, according to The Delta Project.

While there is nothing wrong with a college investing in an active and vibrant experience for its students, the cost of these services might have been better spent on academic resources.

With UT and universities throughout the country on the verge of unprecedented budget cuts that will require difficult choices, it is necessary to remember that the most important student service is instruction.

— Douglas Luippold for the editorial board

By Lindsey Purvin
Daily Texan Columnist

Since the April 20 explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig sent millions of gallons of oil from a BP well into the Gulf of Mexico, public opinion of BP PLC has been less than positive. Anger over BP’s handling of the ongoing crisis has sparked boycotts of BP stations across the country. But, it is becoming evident that the boycott is doing more harm to independent and family-owned franchises than to the far-removed corporate oil giant — if it’s doing any harm at all.

According to Newsweek’s Sharon Begley, the boycott’s focus on punishing BP is, essentially, a waste of time.

The outrage is understandable, and few would argue the events aren’t devastating. In the past couple of months, protesters have vandalized BP-branded signage, blocked fuel pumps with parked cars and paraded banners outside stations to divert customers. As of today, Facebook’s “Boycott BP” page boasts more than 800,000 supporters who post daily updates and comments to like-minded “fans.” But analysts continue to demonstrate that the financial impact is negligible.

In reality, BP owns only a small fraction of the 11,541 BP-branded stations across the United States. The majority of BP franchises are family-owned businesses, and owners rely on their connections to the big brands as part of their incomes. Although some owners have reportedly dropped BP brands to minimize public backlash, most re-

tail stations remain bound to BP through complex, multiyear contracts that would require expensive buyouts to release them from the business arrangement.

As Begley points out, avoiding BP simply means buying your gas from another large corporation, along with some reminders of where your support is being redirected.

When it comes to the oil industry, a spotless corporate image in regard to environmental disasters and questionable business engagements is hard to find. The dominant alternative fuel distributors are Exxon Mobil, Texaco/Chevron, Citgo and Shell; I invite you to choose your poison.

The mere mention of the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill induces images of oil-slicked seabirds and multitudes of lawyers significantly reducing the punitive damages awarded to the victims of the environmentally destructive oil spill.

Fewer people may be aware of Texaco’s current multibillion-dollar class-action lawsuit in Ecuador for groundwater contamination, which resulted in cancer fatalities for hundreds of citizens, or Chevron’s current battle to block the release of film footage of the company openly dumping sludge.

Perhaps your political affiliations are more flexible and you can excuse Citgo’s status as a subsidiary of Venezuela’s national oil company, currently ruled by the government of Hugo Chávez. If this is the case, then the toxic cloud from a 2009 fire at the Citgo refinery in Corpus Christi may seem less forgivable.

Or, perhaps allegations against Shell for human rights violations



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Farris Altayb, 28, a Sunoco employee, waits for customers in Ypsilanti, Mich., on July 6. The gas station’s owner, Abdel Berry, converted two of his three BP stations to the Sunoco brand because of customer boycotts sparked by the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

in Nigeria, where fatalities and polluted farmland resulted from a ruptured oil pipeline in 2009, are still more forgivable than the current BP atrocities.

But, even if you manage to condone the alternative atrocities, the BP boycott still does not effectively diminish the purchase or consumption of BP-branded fuel or energy products. Independent retailers with the BP sunflower logo branded on them actually sell a mixture of fuel from several importers and refiners, so any slowdown in retail sales just means that BP can sell its surplus as private-label fuel elsewhere.

At best, BP boycotters obtain a symbolic outlet for voicing outrage and demands for accountability — without any real expectation for making a difference.

Although you may achieve some sort of emotional satisfaction from thumbing your nose at the local BP station while pumping gas from the competitor across the street, the alternative allegiances to other big distributors hardly reduce the demand for fuel or enforce a change in how business is conducted.

According to the Energy Information Agency, the U.S. alone consumes 800 million gallons of petroleum per week — and consumption is the key point of failure of the BP boycott. As long as we consume fuel, we will continue to support the oil and energy industry, including BP.

It looks like the only value that’s being diminished is the significance of the word “boycott.”

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Undermining academic freedom in three clicks or less

By Josh Avelar
Daily Texan Columnist

How the hell did anybody attend college before the Internet?

You mean to tell me some of you alumni who may be reading this column stood around like chumps at the Frank Erwin Center for hours upon hours to register for classes? You had to rely on word of mouth to find out which professors were the best?

That must have been awful.

The conveniences the Internet has added to the collegiate experience over the years are constantly taken for granted by us post-millennial college students. As much as we complain about the occasional glitches in the system today, information about our universities is accessible from anywhere in the world. Things that would have taken hours, or even days, to find out now only take a few diligent minutes of searching on the school home page to learn.

Lo and behold, the grown folks at the Capitol felt that all that convenience wasn’t enough. Last year, they passed a law making it even easier for people to get information that’s mostly already available, as well as information that’s better left in certain circles.

In May 2009, the Texas Legislature unanimously passed as HB 2504. It requires state universities to post professors’ syllabi, curriculum vitae, published works and salaries on the Internet. The request seems simple enough, but the new law also requires that all this information be accessible through clicking on no more than three links from a university’s home page. The law is the first of its kind, according to The Dallas Morning News, and all state universities must be in compliance by the fall semester.

Lauded as a victory for transparency reform, the new law amounts to a costly mandate meant to undermine profes-

sors’ academic freedom. The information stated in the law is largely on most universities’ websites anyway, but not in the lazy, three-step format the law dictates. UT Vice Provost Gretchen Ritter told the Houston Chronicle the work required to abide by the transparency law will in itself be significant.

“It’s a large-scale technical problem,” Ritter said. “It’s lots and lots of man hours.”

At a time when massive layoffs and budget cuts are running rampant in Texas universities, the new law will create more financial strain on the Lone Star State’s institutions of higher learning. The Houston Chronicle reports that the cost of carrying out the new law at the University of Houston will be \$30,000. It will also cost the University of North Texas \$150,000, according to The Dallas Morning News. In addition, the universities will not be compensated for any funds or man hours wasted complying

with this new law.

In its June newsletter, the Texas Conference of the American Association of University Professors requested a repeal of the law for fear it would compromise academics. Professors could easily be singled out for certain discussion topics in class by unreasonable parents. Making this sort of information available to anyone but the actual students who take the classes is nothing more than a trap for these educators.

State Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, co-authored the law and told The Dallas Morning News that it will assist students and parents with course registration. Kolkhorst’s motive is easily visible: To enrage parents with the fact that their precious, legal and adult-aged children may learn something that — gasp! — runs contrary to their household’s beliefs.

Universities are supposed to be more than just overpriced trade schools. They’re places where students can grow

as people. They are places for students who grew up in conservative Christian households to be presented with dissenting opinions on the topic of religion, and for students who grew up in labor union-centered households to be told the New Deal was terrible public policy. I understand many parents pay a lot of money and accumulate a lot of debt to send their kids to college. But there’s a reason why universities don’t share certain student information with parents in the first place: It’s still not really any of their business — legally.

If the state Legislature is truly worried about families getting their money’s worth from college education, they should focus their attention on allocating more funds to state universities, driving down the cost of tuition or creating better job opportunities for soon-to-be college graduates.

Avelar is a government and journalism senior.



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff
Heather Brenner, a waitress at Jaime's Spanish Village, is currently looking for work after recently moving to Austin and only being employed at the restaurant for one week.

Tex-Mex favorite to close

Jaime's Spanish Village gives fans one last taste before shutting its doors

By Ashley Meleen
Daily Texan Staff

After 79 years of serving Tex-Mex and margaritas in Austin, Jaime's Spanish Village will close its doors July 30.

After shutting down the restaurant temporarily on June 30 upon losing the lease, owner Charlie Tames reopened the restaurant to give customers and friends a chance to visit one last time before the end of the month.

"The support from the community has been amazing," Tames said. "We've been packed, and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights we've had lines out the door."

Tames said the landlord, who lives in Woodstock, N.Y., is seeking greater profits from the land, but no information about changes to the property have been released.

"I'm curious to find out who's going to take over and see if it was worth kicking us out," Tames said. "I'd be willing to let the new guys run it if they kept

it the same. I'd rather give it up than see it die."

The Spanish Village, which has been open since 1931, adopted its current name 40 years ago when Tames' uncle Jaime Tames bought the restaurant. He created the restaurant's famous "Margarita Jaime," a frozen margarita topped with a sangria floater, that is still on the menu.

After Jaime's death three years ago, Charlie took over the restaurant, which has attracted UT students and regular customers over the years.

Brad Reynolds discovered Jaime's Spanish Village as an undergraduate at UT and has been coming back about once a month for the past 30 years. He said it was a fairly popular spot while he was at the University because of its downtown location, reasonable prices and margaritas.

"I keep coming back for the queso," Reynolds said. "It's the best thing they have."

Charlie Tames said that before tailgating became popular, students flocked to local places like Jaime's before football games. The restaurant has also hosted live music as an official South By

Southwest vendor in 2010.

Tames said that now, students hear about the restaurant from parents and grandparents who visited Jaime's years ago as UT students. Tames has also spotted politicians, including Gov. Rick Perry, frequenting the Tex-Mex joint.

During its last few weeks of business, all of the restaurant's proceeds will go to a benefit fund to raise money for the 12 employees who will lose their jobs at the end of the month.

"I knew this place from when I was a kid," head bartender Mariana Guerrero said. "Seeing it close is kind of like watching your childhood home get demolished, and there's nothing you can do about it."

Patrons who donate \$15 to the fund will receive a free jar of Jaime's red or green hot sauce. The restaurant's hot sauce and queso will also continue to be sold at Whole Foods Market, Central Market and Royal Blue Grocery after the closure.

"Even though we're closing, you can still get a little piece of Austin," Tames said.

Jaime's Spanish Village is located at 802 Red River St.

UT experts join Gulf Project to help prevent oil, gas leaks

By Hannah Jones
Daily Texan Staff

A statewide group of environmental and energy experts, including many from the UT System, will work together to help prevent future disasters in the Gulf of Mexico in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon oil-rig explosion.

The group will convene as part of the Gulf Project, a coalition of public- and private-sector research scientists and state officials who will research disaster prevention and examine what resources Texas lacks. The creation of the project was announced by Gov. Rick Perry at a July 6 press conference.

"It's going to take time to respond, but we do not have a lot of time to waste," said Ray Orbach, director of the University's Energy Institute. "The situation is very serious, both on the remedial side of it and for the future. You can't wait too long. You really have to get started now, but the needs are urgent. That's why we're trying to work as quickly as we are."

According to the press release from the governor's office, "domestic oil and gas exploration remains critical to meeting the nation's energy needs." Two key challenges for the industry include overcoming the current inability to test full drilling systems to determine their safety, and developing proven methods of responding to large-scale oil spills.

In addition to the UT System, Texas A&M University, the University of Houston, Rice University, Texas Tech University, Southern Methodist University, the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America, Texas General Land Office and Texas

The six critical questions:

1. What are the environmental consequences of a major oil and gas leak in the Gulf of Mexico?
2. What technological improvements are needed to respond to and contain major oil and gas spills?
3. How can the reliability, redundancy and safety of complex offshore drilling and production facilities with low probability and high risk be improved?
4. What is the future of extraction facilities in challenging environments?
5. What should the regulatory structure be for future oil and gas drilling?
6. How should corporate management systems be designed to accommodate high-risk operations?

Railroad Commission will contribute to the effort. Additional experts and higher-education institutions may join later, according to the governor's office.

The Energy Institute at UT-Austin is currently leading a campuswide initiative as part of the Gulf Project and has pulled together faculty from different fields of study to look at six critical questions, which will be the focus of UT's initiative. The six questions were the focus of an organizational meeting Monday with the institute and faculty from the University.

Orbach said the University has reorganized itself to be responsive to a research opportunity in the Gulf that is very broad and will be responsive to the kinds of things Perry is asking for. He said there are 30 faculty members — from the engineering, liberal arts, natural sciences and communications schools as well as the McCombs School of Business, the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the School of Law — who will design a research program for each of the critical questions.

Orbach said he is currently

gathering proposals from the faculty members who are beginning to organize to deal with those issues.

"The biggest challenge is going to be finding funding for it because this is a major initiative for the campus," Orbach said. "Some of the questions are very challenging, and it is not obvious what the answers are. These are not simple problems to solve."

Senior engineering lecturer Paul Bommer said the project is a great idea, but now people have to sit down and work out how it will happen.

"It is important to understand what completely caused the disaster and figure out how to drill deepwater wells with a much higher assurance that it won't happen again. I think there is potential to do some real fundamental, very helpful science and engineering policymaking," Bommer said. "There's somebody with a big vision — the governor has laid down a challenge, and now it's up to the University to figure out how to answer it. And that's where we are now."

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CYCLING SAFETY

Duo teaches riders lessons in safe biking



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Bikers fined in Austin are the only riders in the state of Texas who receive the benefit of taking a defensive cycling course.

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

On the first day that saw no crashes at the Tour de France, Austinites were learning how to be better and safer cyclists so they, too, could avoid crashes while riding.

On Wednesday, the Austin Cycling Association provided a defensive cycling class licensed by The Center for Cycling Education. Cooperating with the Austin Municipal Court, the program allows ticket dismissal for violations incurred by bicyclists within the court's jurisdiction.

The three-hour class was the first of six to be taught this year at BikeTexas.

The defensive cycling class is the first of its kind to be offered in Texas, but not in the country. The Share the Road Safety Class has been in operation in Portland, Ore., since 2007, allowing participants to dismiss traffic tickets obtained while on bicycles.

The course was taught by licensed instructor Allan Dunlap. Dunlap learned most of what is taught in the defensive cycling course from his Traffic Skills 101 course, a two-day class where students spend four hours in the classroom and five hours on the road. The defensive cycling class is spent entirely in a classroom setting, screening short films on cycling safety, with a 10-question quiz at the end.

The class teaches bicycle maintenance and traffic theory. It was developed by Dunlap and Wes Robinson, a director of education for the defensive cycling course. The duo looked at bicycle crash data and statistics to find out which types of crashes were most common, and then figured out the best ways to avoid those crashes for lessons to teach in the class.

In the course, cyclists learn how to communicate their intent to drivers on the road by positioning their bike in a certain part of the lane.

"We teach our riders to be MVPs: maneuverable, visible and predictable," Robinson said.

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No rear reflector	\$180
Failure to ride in lane	\$170
Riding more than two abreast	\$170
No lights	\$155

According to the League of American Bicyclists, about 750 bicyclists are killed each year in the U.S., and 96 percent of those deaths result from crashes with motor vehicles.

"We try to teach people that they have just as much rights and responsibilities on the road as motorists do," Robinson said.

The class comes at a cost of \$25, and ticketed cyclists can only complete the course once every 12 months. Most of the seven people who attended the class Wednesday were there because they either ran a stop sign or a red light on their bikes.

The cost of the class waives any court costs a ticketed cyclist has, which could total hundreds of dollars, and also relieves any points against your license. The Austin Municipal Court states that a ticket received while on a bicycle counts against your driver's license.

"It's great that the court recognizes the benefit of educating cyclists," Robinson said.

For now, Austin remains the only city in Texas that offers a defensive cycling program. Both Robinson and Dunlap hope the defensive cycling program can expand to other justice of the peace districts in Texas in the near future.

SIDELINE

Writer given a fond farewell in final days as Texan staffer

For a boy who came to America with no direction, Texan staffer Michael Sherfield sure came a long way.

From the women's swimming beat to the mecca of them all, Texas Football, he paved the way for all aspiring sports writers.

Sherfield came from humble beginnings. When he was 9 months old living in Romania, he lived through the Romanian revolution. Instead of growing up to the sounds of his mother singing sweet lullabies in his ear, he was raised on the cries of revolution and army tanks rolling down the only street he knew.

But Sherfield overcame.

In 2006, his life suddenly changed. He went from being the outsider in high school to the big-time sports writer at the University of Texas at Austin. Sure, he may have just covered the women's swimming team, but he was the best damn beat writer they ever had.

But Sher-a-lerf evolved, as all great writers do. From swimming to soccer, and from soccer to football, he grew. He learned the nuances of great writing and was able to write about Texas' national championship hopes, in the way only a gypsy could.

He wrote about the heartbreak in Omaha, Neb., The crushing defeat in Pasadena, Calif., and everything in between and after. And with this, we bid him farewell.

To you, Sher-a-lerf. We all feel honored to have been Sherfed.

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— Texan Sports

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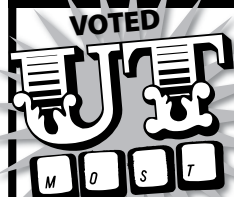
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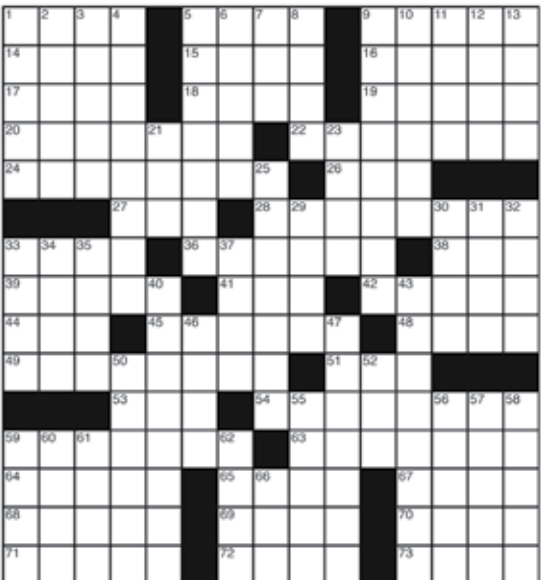
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- Across**
- 1 Muscat's land
 - 5 Asset
 - 9 Coffee choices
 - 14 Clinton's 1996 opponent
 - 15 Woodcarver's tool
 - 16 Tortoise or hare
 - 17 Actress Swenson of "Benson"
 - 18 ___ de vivre
 - 19 Milo of "Romeo and Juliet"
 - 20 Astronomer's aid
 - 22 Means
 - 24 With 41- and 54-Across, group with a 1967 ballad version of 39-41-/42-Across
 - 26 Word after "does" and "doesn't" in an old ad slogan
 - 27 Glass on a radio
 - 28 Audio input location
 - 33 Wraps (up)
 - 36 One who can't keep off the grass?
 - 38 One of the Mannings
 - 39, 41 & 42 1964 Beatles hit
 - 44 "The Star-Spangled Banner" preposition
 - 45 Join the staff
 - 48 Pinnacle
 - 49 Keeps from happening
 - 51 Western defense grp.
 - 53 Broadcast
 - 54 See 24-Across
 - 59 Women, quantity, with "the"
 - 63 12:30 a.m. or p.m., on a ship
 - 64 Bubbling
 - 65 Cord material
 - 67 Et ___
 - 68 Zellweger of "My One and Only"
 - 69 Button between "and" and #
 - 70 Fronted, in a way
 - 71 Piglike
 - 72 Look inside?
 - 73 Some jeans
- Down**
- 1 Keats, for one
 - 2 The 6 in 6/8/10, e.g.
 - 3 Pond buildup
 - 4 Close call
 - 5 Some are flannel
 - 6 Parkinsonism drug
 - 7 Israeli arm
 - 8 Appear
 - 9 See 40-Down
 - 10 Having less forethought
 - 11 Repeated message?
 - 12 Thistle or goldenrod
 - 13 Ladies of Spain: Abbr.
 - 21 Damage
 - 23 Villa d'___
 - 25 Earliest time
 - 29 Edit menu option
 - 30 Job rights agcy.
 - 31 Grad
 - 32 Marriage, for one
 - 33 Word before "You're killing me!"
 - 34 Fancy pitcher
 - 35 Bra insert
 - 37 Lemony



Puzzle by Peter A. Collins

- 40 With 9-Down, group with a 1962 hit version of 39-/41-/42-Across
- 43 Really enjoys oneself
- 46 About, on a memo
- 47 "Private" — keep out"
- 50 Isn't all the same
- 52 O'Neill's "The Hair" ___
- 55 Old Testament prophet who married a harlot
- 56 Martinique volcano
- 57 Dior-designed dress
- 58 Strips in front of a window?
- 59 Old MacDonald had one
- 60 Busy as ___
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Military-inspired fashion marches through town

By Gerald Rich & Kiersten Marian
 Daily Texan Staff

Whether it's cruising with your aviators on and listening to The Doors like you're in "Apocalypse Now" or throwing on some combat boots with a pair of jeans, aspects of military fashion are becoming ingrained in the regular Austin chic of plaid and cutoffs.

So, when it comes to the heat- and cicada-filled summer days, here are some quick ideas to help your wardrobe kick ass and take names.

Keep in mind, military attire isn't restricted to costumes for sorority or fraternity parties. Top designers such as Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs and Burberry Prorsum all showcased military-chic looks for the spring and fall. Heavier black boots, structured jackets or just epaulets on a button-down contribute to a more refined outfit.

However, you don't have to pay top dollar to look like a top brass military official.

Instead of purchasing pricey army-inspired pieces, you can cut out the middleman and buy actual military garments and accessories at military surplus stores close to campus, such as The Quonset Hut, Banana Bay Trading Company and the N.S. Army-Navy Store.

A great basic to have in any wardrobe for guys or girls is an army-green button-up. Girls can wear this as a loose cover-up after coming back from Barton Springs or guys can throw it on and wear it as a nice

shirt to go out to Sixth Street. It's not as kitschy as the camo, but gives off a subtle army vibe when paired with something as simple as jeans.

Although some might say combat boots and hot Texas summers may not pair well together, women can stay cool by wearing them with cutoff shorts and a light cotton T-shirt. This look also gives the masculine shoes a sexy, feminine twist. Guys can wear them instead of sandals or boat shoes for an innovative look while still keeping a relaxed summer appearance. Boots can also be functional, lending themselves well to impulsive summer excursions in the Hill Country.

For those looking for a less bold military-inspired addition to their wardrobe, adding army patches and pins to shirtsleeves, on the back pocket of jeans or to your purse or backpack can achieve the same military feel. It's a new and modern equivalent to accessorizing with the "I Am Loved" or band pins. You can even throw a couple on an army-green button-up or get a blank one and stitch your name in it for a more personal touch.

Even though these looks are all good ways to mix up classic summer attire, these pieces are great for the fall, too. Structured navy or black pea coats or a worn-in bomber jacket from any of these stores are a cheap way to stay warm when the temperature eventually drops.



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The Quonset Hut at the intersection of Guadalupe and 29th streets offers a wide selection of military combat boots.



Caitlin Marion sports an army-green button-up with jungle boots from Banana Bay Trading Company on Airport Boulevard. This style reflects the growing trend to combine military-inspired clothing with everyday wear.

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Actor-turned-restaurateur leaves Hollywood for Texas

By Addie Anderson
 Daily Texan Staff

Actor-turned-restaurateur Joe Reynolds has opened M Two, a restaurant, bar and lounge in the space formerly known as Saba Blue Water Cafe.

Reynolds is a native Texan and studied acting at UT. He then attended the Yale School of Drama, and was a touring actor for nearly 15 years. He also lived in Los Angeles for many years, acting and working in restaurants. Reynolds is best known for his appearances on the television shows "Frasier" and "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine."

After years in Los Angeles and on the road, Reynolds made the quick decision to buy a restaurant in an old strip mall in Los Angeles that he then turned into the M Bar. Reynolds calls the M Bar a supper club because it serves food but is known for its shows — cabaret acts, spoken-word plays and comedy acts. He envisioned the same kind of set-up for his aptly named restaurant, bar and lounge in Austin, M Two.

Reynolds moved to Austin two years ago after his father, who lives in Katy, was diagnosed with cancer. He wanted to be closer to him and has always loved Austin, and that's when Reynolds decided to buy the Saba Blue Water Cafe space.

"I heard this place was for sale and I love the location — right across the street from Oilcan Harry's and Rain — so I knew that it was the right crowd that I wanted to attract," Reynolds said.

Since there was not a lounge restaurant focused on Austin's gay community, Reynolds found the spot perfect for his vision. His original idea to create the same kind of place in Austin as the M Bar in Los Angeles couldn't be realized because of the outdoor music next door coming from the Cedar



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Joe Reynolds, owner of Austin restaurant and bar M Two, chats with patrons Chase Martin and Willie Castleschouldt on Sunday. Reynolds is a UT alumnus, former actor and founder of the popular M Bar in Los Angeles.

Street Courtyard, which hosts live music seven days a week.

"I knew it wasn't exactly right because of the noise problem downstairs," Reynolds said. "I had to have a different concept for M Two in Austin. It can't be as much about the shows as the original M Bar. On Sundays or

both highly regarded Asian restaurants in Austin.

"There's a lot of Texas stuff on the menu," Reynolds said. "They really decided to break away from what they were doing before to do seasonal stuff and local stuff as much as possible, and that's what attracted them to this opportunity."

Reynolds recommends the Akaushi burger, which is made from heart-healthy Akaushi beef that comes straight from a farm in Yoakum. The menu includes other local fare, such as grilled Texas peaches, as well as many unique, gamey dishes, such as the Nilgai antelope kabob. As for drinks, Reynolds suggests trying a drink called "The Fizz," which he describes to be kind of like a mojito, but with tequila and not as sweet. His other favorite drink on the menu is "Tru Death in the Afternoon," made of sparkling wine and Tru organic gin.

Reynolds continues to act throughout his restaurant endeavors. He still owns the M Bar in Los Angeles, and plans to continue putting his efforts into M Two to create something unique to Austin.

"I had to have a different concept for M Two in Austin."

— Joe Reynolds
 Restaurant owner

Mondays we'll come up with some fun shows early for people to see. Hopefully that'll attract some people."

Although Reynolds plans to have shows at his restaurant in the future, right now, he and chefs Mat Clouser and Mark Strouhal are focusing on the food. Prior to joining the M Two team, Strouhal was the executive chef at Kenichi and Clouser was a chef at Uchi,

British TV 'too foreign' for America



TV TUESDAY
 By Gerald Rich

This past Tuesday, the complete collection of "Life on Mars," the acclaimed U.K. series about a police officer who winds up in 1973 after being struck by a car, was released on DVD in the U.S. And although the U.K. version won an International Emmy for Best Drama for both its first and second series, the U.S. version only made 17 episodes in its first season before it got canceled.

So, what happened? Is British television simply too foreign for us?

In short, yes.

Go down the line from "Fawlty Towers" all the way up to the most recent failure that was "Life on Mars," and you'll see this isn't just a fluke. British shows such as "Spaced," "Coupling" and "Red Dwarf" all have dead U.S. incarnations.

Take a look at "Life on Mars," and you'll see it's not your average cop show. The plot centers around Manchester Detective Sam Tyler. While on the case of a killer in 2006 who captures his girlfriend, he stops in the road to let the heavy emotions wash over him. As he gets out of his car, he's struck by oncoming traffic and awakens in 1973 with cops who play much more loosely with the law. Throughout the series, Tyler hears sounds from an intensive care unit back in 2006. Throw in a bit of existentialism with him trying to make the best he can with his absurd reality, and you've got yourself a big philosophical party.

Now, let's take a look at how the U.K. and U.S. versions differed. I apologize for the spoilers, but they're kind of necessary.

The U.K. version concludes with the realization that the alternate world is actually purgatory for dying or dead police officers. As if questions of whether Tyler was crazy, in a coma or actually time traveling weren't complex enough, the series ends with them having to accept fate.



Courtesy of Life on Mars

"Life on Mars" follows the trials of Sam Tyler, a detective who is struck by oncoming traffic in 2006 and awakens in 1973. Although the show experienced success in the U.K., winning an International Emmy, the American version was canceled in its first season.

The U.S. version, on the other hand, goes for the nice and tidy finish. Turns out, they're on Mars. Get it? "Life on Mars" is not just a hit 1971 David Bowie song played in the show and a figurative description of the bizarre '70s reality, but he and the 1970s police department were all living on Mars in a simulated reality.

Let's be fair to other American translations of British shows, though. "American Idol," "America's Got Talent" and "Trading Spaces" were all based on British counterparts, and they've done extremely well, if not better, over here. However, those aren't dramas or comedies that get rewritten to shreds.

Now, you may note that "The Office" is one TV show that seems to have thrived over here. However, it didn't do well stateside until after the first season, when writers gave up trying to recreate the U.K. version's mixed dramedy tone with the same plot and pranks. Just look at Netflix. The U.S. version's first season is the lowest-rated season by its users.

The reason is American TV doesn't thrive on our own workplace recreated in front

of our eyes. We want to see the U.S. versions of Susan Boyle struggle against all odds and reach that American dream. We want to see the underdog go up against Simon Cowell and wind up on top. That's not the same as saying the original British versions of shows are inherently bad. They just aren't your average American show.

The biggest difference is that there is a greater sense of realism, or more generally, U.K. shows don't just go for the happy ending. "Torchwood," the more adult spin-off of "Doctor Who," kills off most the cast by its third season, and the U.K.'s "stereotypical" vampire show, "Being Human," grapples with supernatural creatures who look like they're in their 20s grappling with the horrors of finding a job or a girlfriend. Of course, both shows delve into fantasy, but there's a core to most plots that accepts death and failure as part of living.

As for the future producers out there, take it from Paul McCartney and Wings' 1973 song when it comes to wanting to reproduce a hit U.K. show, and just "live and let die." All characters don't live happily ever after.